

28 January 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Study on Communist Threat in Indonesia

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1. A meeting was held this date at the Department of State with the following present: Director of OIR; Chief, DRF; Chief and Deputy Chief, BI, and the NIS Coordinator for State; CIA representatives from DD/P and the International Communism Staff, and the AD/BI.

2. Background: ^{25X1X7} The basis for this meeting was a report of the military staff planners [redacted] of a council meeting held in November 1956, containing an intelligence requirement which the DCI agreed to fulfill. The requirement is specified under the following categories: a) detailed study of Indonesian Communist personalities and supporters; b) detailed study of Indonesian anti-communist and separatist groups and personalities; c) selection and investigation of safe areas; d) preparation of up-to-date terrain studies of selected portions of Indonesia.

3. BI/State agreed to prepare for this requirement the biographic coverage required under items a) and b) above, comprising some 40 or 50 selected biographies. In conjunction with this, the Chief, DRF/State agreed to prepare a general study of the Communist movement in Indonesia.

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25X1C10 [redacted] While most of the terrain studies will be published shortly under the NIS Program, it is noted that [redacted] 25X1C8a is preparing another terrain study in two volumes, the first volume to be printed in February or March 1957, and the second volume to be multilithed by May or June 1957.

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4. It was agreed that State's support of this special staff study would be undertaken by State's NIS personnel and that proportionate credit would be accorded this work in terms of partial NIS sections produced. In the instance of biographic coverage this work will approximately meet NIS requirements for Section 9 of Supplement VI. For the DRF work in support of this staff study proportionate credit will be accorded amounting to approximately one section, providing the NIS Coordinator in State certifies that the work has been accomplished and received in his office by the end of Fiscal Year 1957. It is further understood that when the related sections of the NIS are produced the proportionate credit accorded the 1957 schedule will be absorbed in their accounting.

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